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SUBJECT: KABALEBO PROJECT

EXIMBANK HAS BEEN APPROACHED BY VARIOUS U.S. SUPPLIERS  
INQUIRING ABOUT POSSIBLE EXIM SUPPORT OF EQUIPMENT SALES  
FOR THE BAKHUIS-APOERA RAILWAY (LOCOMOTIVES - 5 MILLION  
DLRS., FREIGHT CARS - 8 MILLION DLRS., AND SIGNALLING  
EQUIPMENT - 5 TO 8 MILLION DLRS.) AND AN ASSOCIATED  
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HYDROELECTRIC COMPLEX OF ABOUT 150 MILLION DLRS. WE  
UNDERSTAND THESE TO BE TWO PHASES OF THE OVERALL KABALEBO  
PROJECT, WHICH IS TO INCLUDE A BAUXITE MINE, REFINERY AND  
SMELTER AND OTHER INVESTMENTS IN FORESTRY, MINING AND  
AGRICULTURE THAT TOTAL IN EXCESS OF 1 BILLION DLRS.

IN VIEW OF EXIMBANK'S NOMINAL (5 MILLION DLRS.) EXPOSURE  
AND THE UNCERTAIN ECONOMIC OUTLOOK IN SURINAME, BANK IS  
NOT SURE OF DEGREE OF FINANCIAL SUPPORT WHICH COULD BE

PROVIDED, IF AT ALL. NEVERTHELESS, EXIMBANK WISHES TO HAVE AVAILABLE AS MUCH INFORMATION AS POSSIBLE ON PROJECTS IN ORDER TO MAKE PROPER DECISION.

EMBASSY ASSISTANCE IN THE FOLLOWING MATTERS WOULD BE APPRECIATED.

EXIM FEELS THAT DUE THE LARGE NUMBER OF INQUIRIES AND THE MULTIPLICITY OF POTENTIAL INVESTMENTS INVOLVED, IT MIGHT BE APPROPRIATE FOR EXIM TO WORK DIRECTLY WITH THE RESPONSIBLE GOS AGENCY, RATHER THAN THRU NUMEROUS U.S. SUPPLIERS. EXIM REQUESTS EMBASSY TO EXPLORE WITH THE GOS THE POSSIBILITIES OF SUCH AN APPROACH. PLEASE POINT OUT THAT EXIM'S NORMAL CRITERIA OF PROJECT FEASIBILITY AND COUNTRY CREDITWORTHINESS WOULD APPLY.

EXIM ALSO DESIRES INFORMATION ON POTENTIAL OR KNOWN FOREIGN COMPETITION AND THE AVAILABILITY OF A DUTCH GUARANTEE ON ANY NON-DUTCH PROCURED ITEMS OF THIS PROJECT. REGARDING THE BAUXITE AND RELATED INVESTMENTS, CAN THE EMBASSY SUPPLY ANY DETAILS CONCERNING ESTIMATED OUTPUT OF EACH TYPE OF PRODUCT, KNOWN OR POTENTIAL FOREIGN PARTNERS, AND PROJECTED EXPORT MARKETS. DOES A FEASIBILITY STUDY EXIST FOR THE BAUXITE OR RAILWAY SCHEME.

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FINALLY, IN LIGHT OF SURINAME'S AGREEMENT WITH THE DUTCH TO GIVE PREFERENCE TO DUTCH GOODS AND SERVICES, IF TECHNICALLY AND ECONOMICALLY FEASIBLE, WHAT IS EMBASSY'S ASSESSMENT OF PROSPECTS FOR U.S. SUPPLIERS IN THIS PROJECT. CHRISTOPHER

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